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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3), Applicants respectfully invoke the supervisory authority of the Commissioner with respect to consideration of the references cited by Applicants in two Information Disclosure Statements filed March 27, 2001 and March 24, 2003. The Information Disclosure Statements were properly filed with Form PTO-1449 and Form PTO/SB/08A, respectively, listing all cited references and copies of each reference cited.

Applicants have unsuccessfully attempted to obtain an initialed copy of these Forms (PTO-1449 and PTO/SB/08A) for the Information Disclosure Statements indicating consideration of the

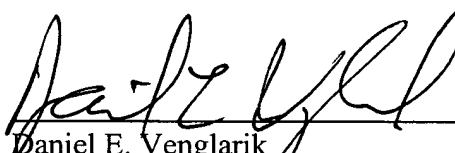
cited references. Consideration of the cited references and initialed Forms PTO-1449 and PTO/SB/08A are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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